Managing Director in March, 1983 constituted a Contract Committee for award of works, purchase of material etc. in respect of construction projects. Subsequently, in March, 85 the work of this Committee was divided into two one to handle contracts relating to ITDC's own projects and another to deal with the contracts relating to the Department of Tourism projects and the Joint Venture Projects being executed by ITDC with states|U. Ts

The Contract Committees deal with the award of contracts and purchases valuing more than Rs. 25 lakhs each.

(c) and (d) The contracts awarded by the Contract Committees are subject to statutory and Government audit. For acts of omission or commission, the officials of the ITDC who have been sub-delegated the powers to award contracts etc. are governed by the ITDC Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1978.

Renovation of hotels run by ITDC

1143. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what criterion is adopted for renovation of various hotels run by ITDC;

(b) what is the period after which each hotel is renovated;

(c) whether there is any relation between the renovation and the business out-put of the hotel;

(d) whether the renovation is done during the off-season or throughout the year; and

(e) what are the names of the hotels where renovation has taken place during the period from January, 1981 to September, 1985 giving the following details:

(i) the exact period of renovation;

(ii) the total cost of renovation;

(iii) the number of rooms|areas renovated; and

(iv) the effect of renovation on the turnover of the hotel?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) The main criterion for renovating hotels run by ITDC is the need to keep the properties contemporary and competitive related to business out-put. Generally such works are done during the off-season.

(e) Information is given at Annexures 'I' 'II' and 'III'. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 13]

Foreign goods purchased by ITDC

1144. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC Management has evolved and approved purchase policy pertaining to the purchase of foreign goods to be sold at its various Tax/Duty free Shops in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the foreign suppliers from whom the imported goods have been purchased during the period from 1982-83 to September, 1985; and

(d) what are the names out of the above suppliers who are the original manufacturers of the item supplied and also the names and addresses of those manufacturers who refused to make a direct supply during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as under:—

(1) Based on an assessment of International trends related to the sale of such products, the Corporation procures these products directly from the manufacturers or their marketing agencies|authorised distributors;

(2) To ensure that there is no run-out of stocks on Duty Free Shops;

(3) To ensure that the Corporation's funds are not unnecessarily blocked;

(4) To select the best mode' and the fact moving items comprising mix-up of high quality, medium level and economically priced products;

(5) All indents for products, their type, quantities, schedule of delivery, etc. shall be placed by IPS Division on the Material Management & Development (MM&D) Division well in advance; and

(6) MM&D Division shall ensure the procurement of the goods according to the specifications and the time schedule prescribed.

(c) and (d) Information is given at Annexure-I and II (*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 14)

Shifting of Head Office of Allahabad Bank

1145. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Head Office of the Allahabad Bank has been recently shifted to Calcutta;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received representations from Members of Parliament and others in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon and by when the Head Office is likely to be shifted back to Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Head Office of the Allahabad Bank has been at Calcutta since 1923.

(c) Suggestions have been received by Government for locating the Head Office of Allahabad Bank or of any other Nationalised bank in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) The matter has been examined by Government. There is no proposal at present to shift the Head Office of Allahabad Bank from Calcutta.

Financial assistance to farmers

1146. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have announced the grant of financial assistance to the farmers for Kharif and Rabi Crops with effect from 1st October, 1985:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what safeguards Government have taken to ensure that the same actually reaches the farmers especially in Uttar Pradesh?